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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
 SUE-KEN YAP, et al.) Examiner: April A. Nowlin
 Application No.: 09/835,325) Group Art Unit: 2876
 Filed: April 17, 2001)
 For: A METHOD AND SYSTEM)
 FOR USING MULTIPLE)
 SMARTCARDS IN A READER) February 23, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

- (1) AU 28896/95
- (2) FR 2,752,316
- (3) EP 661,675
- (4) EP 829,831

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Document (1) is an English language counterpart of WO 95/35534, which was previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement dated November 26, 2003.

Documents (2) to (4) were cited in a European Search Report in connection with a European counterpart application. A copy of the European Search Report, which has a date of completion of December 12, 2003, is enclosed. English-language abstracts for documents (2) and (4) are also enclosed.

This application has received an Office Action on the merits, but has not yet received either a final action or a notice of allowance. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). Consideration of the art cited herein is accordingly deemed proper, and such action is respectfully requested.

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